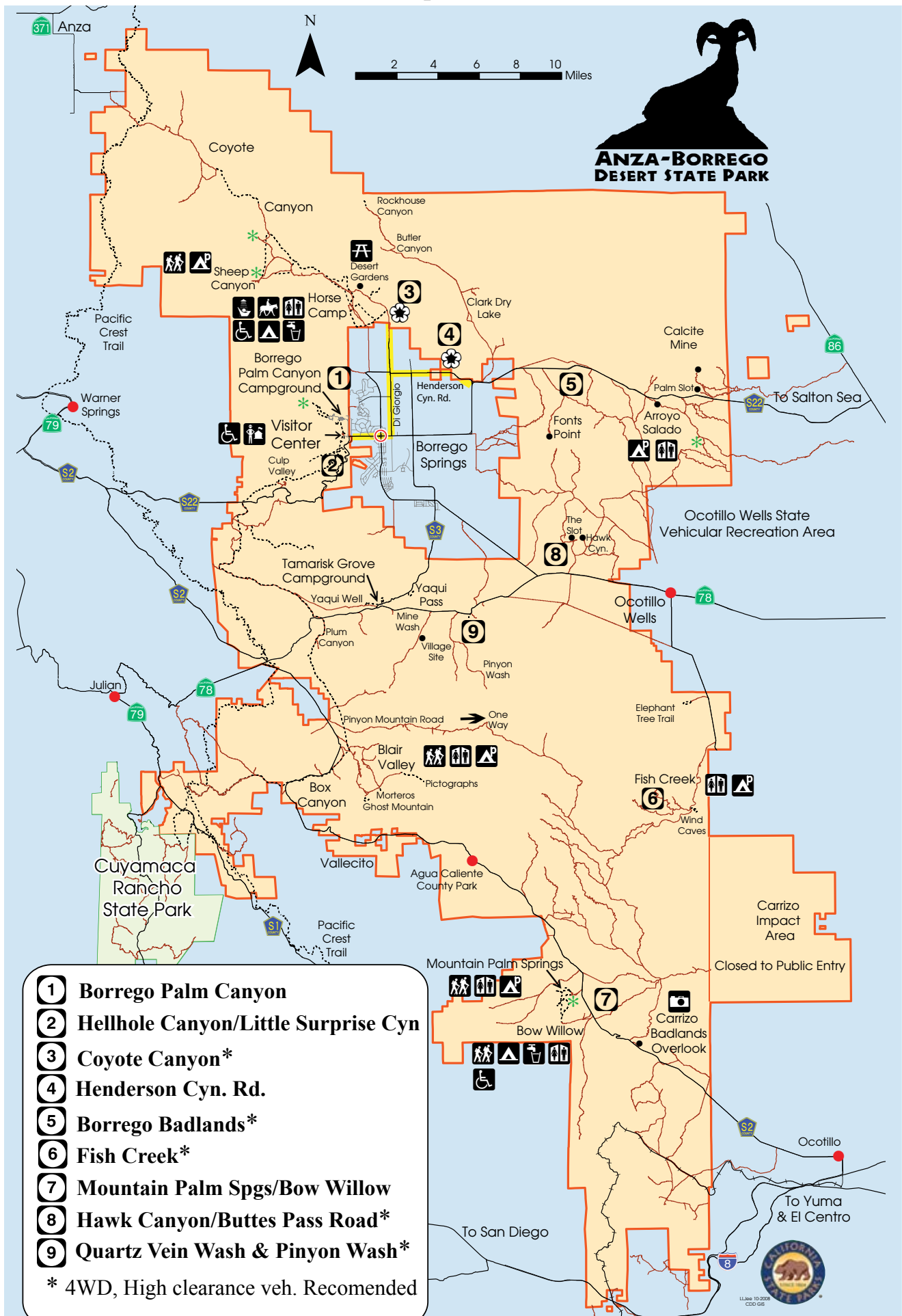


Flower Map for Entire Park



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Wildflower Update 3-11-2011

Wildflowers are appearing in several areas of the park, though we are not seeing large fields of wildflowers on display.

- ① **Borrego Palm Canyon** – This is one of the best displays in the park right now, along with other western canyons. Expect to see lots of Chuparosa, Desert Lavender, Brittlebush and Creosote Bush in bloom. Look for a variety of annual wildflowers—Desert Dandelions, Phacelia, Poppies, Chia, Monkeyflowers—along the main and alternate trails, as well as in sandy washes.
- ② **Hellhole Canyon and Corral Canyon** – Lots of shrubs and annuals are blooming in these canyons also. Corral Canyon is accessed by walking West-Northwest from the Visitor Center parking lot (no maintained trail). Beautiful flowers in the wash and along the hillside north of Hellhole Canyon can be seen by walking due west from the Visitor Center parking lot toward the hillside to the west, and then following either the wash or the base of the hills to the left (south). Again, no maintained trail exists from the Visitor Center parking lot.
- ③ **Coyote Canyon** – Where the pavement ends on DiGiorgio Road you can find (but you'll have to get out and look for them!) Spectacle Pod, Brown-eyed Primrose, Desert Dandelion, Lupine, a few Dune Evening Primrose, and some Desert Sand Verbena. A nice field of Desert Dandelion and other annuals appears on the right side of the road 2 miles past the end of the pavement (drivers of two-wheel-drive vehicles should use caution; 4WD is recommended beyond Desert Gardens, a little further up the road). Look for blooming Ocotillo on the way to Desert Gardens.
- ④ **Henderson Canyon Road** – Sand Verbena and Lupine, Dune Primrose, and Desert Sunflowers are blooming toward the eastern end of the road (limited parking is available on the north side of the road), but Desert Sunflowers and other annuals have been badly frost-damaged and may not recover for a good display in the "flower fields."
- ⑤ **Borrego Badlands** – Scattered desert sunflowers and milkvetch (astragalus) are making an appearance in washes and on hillsides. A few Desert Lilies are blooming here and there. **Caution: Four-wheel drive is required!**
- ⑥ **Fish Creek/Wind Caves** – Milkvetch, Lupine, Popcorn Flower, Orcutt's Aster, Desert Lavender, Alkali Goldenbush, Sweetbush, Brittlebush, Desert Chicory, and some Desert Sunflower. **Caution: Four-wheel drive with high clearance is required!**
- ⑦ **Mountain Palm Springs / Bow Willow Area** – Monkeyflowers are on display in the sandy areas on the way to Palm Bowl Grove. Look around also for Pygmy Poppy, Pincushion, Brittlebush, Desert Tobacco, Rock Daisy, Popcorn Flower, Wild Heliotrope (Phacelia), Lupine, Wishbone Bush, Desert Velvet, and even a Barrel Cactus in bloom. Vehicles with high clearance can venture into Indian Gorge to see ghost flowers at the entrance to Torote Canyon.
- ⑧ **Buttes Pass Road and Hawk Canyon** - Scattered Sand Verbena and plenty of Arizona Lupine, Brittlebush and Desert Lavender. Look around and see how many annuals you can find: Desert Dandelion, Brown-eyed Primrose, Phacelia, Pincushion, Poppies, and Desert Chicory, among others. Short walks from the end of the road should yield ghost flowers, desert tobacco and five-spots. **Caution: high clearance is required; 4WD recommended.**
- ⑨ **Quartz Vein and Pinyon Washes** - Look for Monkeyflowers in sandy areas. **Caution: 4WD recommended in Quartz Vein Wash and required in Pinyon Wash.**



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